Chapter 19.415

Vehicle Impound Yard

19.415.010 Purpose

The purpose of regulating vehicle impound yards is to ensure compatibility of such uses with surrounding uses and properties and to avoid any impacts associated with such uses.

19.415.020 Applicability and Permit Requirements

Vehicle impound yards, as defined in article X (Definitions) are permitted as set forth in Article V, Base Zones and Related Use and Development Provisions subject to the requirements contained in this Chapter.

19.415.030 Site Location, Operation and Development Standards

The standards set forth in Article V, Base Zones and Related Use and Development Provisions, shall apply to vehicle impound yards, unless otherwise specified here.

- A. No automobile impound yard shall be closer than 300 feet to any property in a residential, mixed use, office, commercial, air, public facilities, agricultural, or the Business Manufacturing Park (BMP) zone, as measured from property line to property line.
- B. The impound storage yard shall be entirely enclosed by an 8-foot-high decorative masonry wall.
- C. A minimum 20-foot landscaped setback shall be provided along all street frontages.
- D. All vehicles within the impound yard shall have ground contact of all wheels. No stacking of vehicles shall be permitted.
- E. The surface of the storage yard shall be covered with slate, slag or alternate dust-, weed- and mud-retardant material acceptable to the Approving or Appeal Authority. Any stormwater or other runoff from the site shall be contained on the site and disposed of through an on-site drainage system, in conformance with City regulations to enforce the requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) permit.
- F. All other applicable requirements of the underlying zone, and any applicable overlay zone or specific plan, whichever is most restrictive, shall prevail and other requirements as may be imposed by the Approving or Appeal Authority pursuant to the discretionary permit process.